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Biden Announces YouTube Contest For High School Students

Wilmington - Attorney General Beau Biden announced that the Department of Justice's Senior Protection Initiative has launched a statewide video contest for high school students. The contest - *Connecting Generations: Compassion in Action* - is designed to raise awareness of senior abuse among younger Delawareans. The competition is open to all students enrolled in Delaware high schools or home schooled in Delaware and will run through April 15.

"Senior abuse, whether it's physical abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, is a very real threat that we're working to stop through our Senior Protection Initiative," Attorney General Biden said. "But most victims never get the help they need because senior abuse is severely underreported. The more we can raise awareness across generations, the better we can prevent abuse and protect seniors. That's why we are proud to sponsor this contest, which gets students involved in spreading the message of recognizing and reporting senior abuse to the police or Delaware's Senior Abuse Hotline at 1-800-223-9074."

Students are asked to work individually or in teams to produce a video from 30 seconds to two minutes in length that illustrates the theme *Connecting Generations: Compassion in Action* as a way to raise awareness and encourage reporting of senior abuse. More information and an introductory video featuring Attorney General Biden can be found at www.delaware.gov/ConnectingGenerations. Winners will be notified by May 10 and will be awarded cash prizes of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$75 for third place. These prizes were generously provided by Bayada Nurses and WSFS.

Questions about the contest may be directed to the Attorney General's Senior Protection Initiative at seniorprotection@state.de.us.

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